

CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTEROCEANIC CANAL BY WAY OF LAKE NICARAGUA

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PROTOCOL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF COSTA-RICA IN REGARD TO FUTURE NEGOTIA- TIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTER-OCEANIC CANAL BY WAY OF LAKE NICARAGUA

It is agreed between the two Governments that when the President of the United States is authorized by law to acquire control of such portion of the territory now belonging to Costa Rica as may be desirable and necessary on which to construct and protect a canal of depth and capacity sufficient for the passage of vessels of the greatest tonnage and draft now in use, from a point near San Juan del Norte on the Caribbean Sea, via Lake Nicaragua to Brito on the Pacific Ocean, they mutually engage to enter into negotiations with each other to settle the plan and the agreements, in detail, found necessary to accomplish the construction and to provide for the ownership and control of the proposed canal.

As preliminary to such future negotiations it is forthwith agreed that the course of said canal and the terminals thereof shall be the same that were stated in a treaty signed by the Plenipotentiaries of the United States and Great Britain on February 5, 1900,¹ and now pending in the Senate of the United States for confirmation, and that the provisions of the same shall be adhered to by the United States and Costa Rica.

In witness whereof, the undersigned have signed this protocol and have hereunto affixed their seals.

Done in duplicate at Washington this first day of December, 1900.

JOHN HAY	[SEAL]
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¹ Unperfected; for text see 1901 For. Rel. 241.